

Iowa Legislature 2023 End of Session

Senate Democrats: Listening and Fighting for Iowans

Stronger Families For A Stronger Economy

- Property tax relief for seniors, vets, middle-class Iowans, and those on a fixed income
- Paid family leave
- Expanded postpartum medical care
- Protections and accommodations for pregnant workers
- Equal pay for equal work
- Protections against wage theft
- Equal workplace protections for adoptive parents
- Affordable, accessible childcare
- Free school breakfast and lunch
- Double Iowa's earned income tax credit

High-Quality Iowa Education

- Public money for public schools
- \$267 million new investment in public schools
- Reduce class sizes
- Increase funding for mental health service providers and programs
- Raise teacher pay and keep educators in the classroom
- Support and preserve rural schools
- Prevent budget cuts, layoffs and loss of academic programs
- Resist book bans and curriculum censorship
- Expand access to affordable preschool

Reynolds & GOP: Politics & Special Interests

- Vouchers to shift money from public schools to private schools (HF 68)
- Take away food from kids and seniors (SF 494)
- Roll back child labor laws, allow minors to serve alcohol (SF 542)
- Ban books in public schools (SF 496)
- Ban school instruction on AIDS/HIV and HPV vaccine (SF 496)
- Consolidate Governor's power and eliminate workplace, retirement protections for workers (SF 514)
- Close rural schools & raise class sizes (SF 192 & HF 68)
- Dictate a government-mandated price on human life for Iowans injured in trucking accidents (SF 228)
- Write LGBTQ+ Iowans and families out of history and public schools (SF 496)
- Freezes funds for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion offices at state universities, which also support Iowa businesses (SF 560)
- Limit on justice for victims of medical negligence (HF 161)
- Ban parents from deciding healthcare for LGBTQ+ kids (SF 538)
- Prohibit students from using restrooms of their choice at school (SF 482)
- Strips power from state auditor to allow waste, fraud, and abuse of state taxpayer dollars (SF 478)
- Raise tuition at community colleges and state universities (SF 560)
- Prohibits local control to monitor energy output (HF 605)

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Bi-Partisan Bills Passed into Law

- Property tax relief for seniors, vets, middle-class Iowans, and those on a fixed income (HF 718)
- Prohibit unfair real estate contracts that target older Iowans (HF 475)
- Suicide hotline number on student ID cards (HF 602)
- Expand access to healthcare in rural areas by designating facilities as Rural Emergency Hospitals (SF 75)
- Allow consumers to opt-out of having their personal data sold to other companies (SF 262)
- Helping volunteer firefighters and emergency service providers purchase tires at better price (HF 603)
- Prohibit non-compete agreements for mental health professionals to stop pause in services for patients (HF 93)
- Expands mental health services via a multi-state counselor compact (HF 671)
- Protect students with misconduct transparency & expanded mandatory reporters (HF 430)
- Ensure patients get discounts on prescriptions, not out-of-state companies (HF 423)
- Change funding to draw down an extra \$103.9 million to expand health care through Medicaid (HF 471)
- Expanding Maternal Health Options (HF 265)
- Increased penalties for human trafficking crimes and sexual exploitation of a minor (SF 84, HF 630)
- Expanding access to dental care (HF 656)
- Cutting red-tape in juvenile courts (HF 216, HF 113, HF 359)
- Property tax credit deadlines for elderly, disabled, and low-income Iowans extended (HF 318)
- Makes a property tax fix providing over \$100 million in property tax relief to Iowa homeowners (SF 181)
- Deadline to protest a property tax assessment is extended to and include May 25th for disaster declared counties (HF 270)

Good News: These GOP Bills Died

- Allow guns on school, college & public parking lots (HF 654/SF 543)
- Ban gay marriage (HJR 8)
- Ban abortion and some common forms of birth control (HF 510)
- Constitutional Convention to end Social Security (HJR 7/SJR 7)
- Prohibit the labor commissioner from implementing, enforcing, or conforming to certain federal occupational safety and health standards relating to COVID (SF 45)
- Obstructive election denier bills (SF 341, SF 342, SF 351)
- Anti-vaccine legislation (SF 91)
- Disregard of health professionals illegal actions (SF 300)
- Allow partisan local elections (SF 23)
- Dangerous tinkering with the State & U.S. Constitutions (SJR 1, SJR 2, SJR 3, SJR 4, SJR 5)
- Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine allowed to treat COVID-19 without any professional discipline (SF 160)
- Allow discrimination based on gender identity (HF 190)
- Allow adopt services to discriminate (SF 212)
- Require the Department of Education to develop a multi-vitamin regimen program (HF 328)
- Reduction of firefighter training hours (SF 313)
- Reinstate the death penalty (SF 357)
- Reduce unemployment benefits for some Iowans with larger families (SF 481)
- Legislation banning more public lands (SF 516)
- End gender balance requirements on state boards and commission (SF 136)
- Allow healthcare providers to discriminate based on religious beliefs (SF 297)